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OPA Daily Digest for 8/19/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Loebsack (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo) 8/15/13: Requesting information on the sampling results at Westlake. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

Iowa Public Radio – Clay Masters – 8/9/13: Request for a phone interview on Tuesday, Aug. 20 about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrients with the regional administrator on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

Environmental Stories:

A Better Iowa - Rosenberg: Iowa must not retreat from the pursuit of clean water - 8/18/13 - More than a year ago, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a report identifying substantial shortcomings in Iowa's enforcement of Clean Water Act standards for livestock facilities, and eight months ago, EPA proposed a straightforward work plan Iowa could adopt to protect clean water.

<http://abetteriowa.desmoinesregister.com/2013/08/18/rosenberg-iowa-must-not-retreat-from-the-pursuit-of-clean-water/>

Iowa Farmer Today - Protestors demand public access to meetings between EPA, DNR - 8/15/13 - Members of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) held signs and passed out fliers claiming the governor "has undermined negotiations between the Iowa (Department of Natural Resources) and the U.S. (Environmental Protection Agency)."

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/protestors-demand-public-access-to-meetings-between-epa-dnr/article_e73affcc-0685-11e3-98f5-0019bb2963f4.html

Iowa Farmer Today - EPA maintains RFS volumes for 2013; possible changes next year - 8/16/13 - The EPA recently announced finalization of its proposed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume requirements for 2013 for conventional biofuels, cellulosic biofuels, and the total amount of advanced biofuels
http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/epa-maintains-rfs-volumes-for-possible-changes-next-year/article_a1aefe5c-0682-11e3-8cc7-0019bb2963f4.html

AgriPulse - EPA introduces new pesticide labels - 8/29/23 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed new pesticide labels that prohibit use of some neonicotinoid pesticide products where bees are present.
<http://www.agri-pulse.com/EPA-introduces-new-pesticide-labels-8-19-2013.asp>

Omaha World-Herald - New EPA chief stresses cooperation with farmers on environment - 8/16/13 - The newly appointed administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday that the only way to confront climate-change challenges and environmental problems facing agriculture is for farmers and government agencies to work together.
<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130816/NEWS/130819254/1685>

Mason City Globe-Gazette - North Iowa farm families honored for environmental efforts - 8/16/13 - Eleven North Iowa families received awards during the second annual Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award ceremony at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday.
http://globegazette.com/news/local/north-iowa-farm-families-honored-for-environmental-efforts/article_fb3e8bd8-0699-11e3-9ab0-001a4bcf887a.html

Domestic Fuel - New EPA Head Positive on Renewable Fuels - 8/19/13 - The newly confirmed head of the Environmental Protection Agency visited the Iowa State Fair last week where she spoke to farmers and met with environmentalists.
<http://domesticfuel.com/2013/08/19/new-epa-head-positive-on-renewable-fuels/>

eNews Park Forest - EPA's New Pesticide Label Inadequate for Honey Bee Protection - 8/19/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new pesticide label for honey bee protection, announced Thursday, have been widely criticized by beekeepers and environmentalists as offering inadequate protection in the face of devastating bee decline. Under the new guidelines, the labels will prohibit the use of some neonicotinoid pesticides when bees are present, and include a "bee advisory box" and icon with information on routes of exposure and spray drift precautions.
<http://www.ewnews.com/latest-news/science/science-a-environmental/45448-epa-s-new-pesticide-label-inadequate-for-honey-bee-protection.html>

Forbes - Berkeley Anti-Atrazine Crusader Blames 'Big Ag', Set To Sue, After University Dispute Freezes Research - 8/19/13 - These are the competing narratives in play as journalists try to make sense of reports last week that Tyrone Hayes, the University of California at Berkeley herpetologist who churned out study after study about the alleged dangers of a popular herbicide—research that many scientists and the federal government have found neither convincing nor reproducible—had lost research funding.
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jonentine/2013/08/19/1577/>

The Daily Californian - Professor studying herbicide's effect on frogs faces laboratory funding setbacks - 8/19/13 - Tyrone Hayes, a UC Berkeley professor who has been a longtime vocal critic of the common herbicide atrazine, is facing potential obstacles in his research due to a recent notification from the campus that his lab is running a deficit.
<http://www.dailycal.org/2013/08/18/professor-studying-herbicides-effect-on-frogs-faces-laboratory-funding-setbacks/>

Farms.com - EPA Launches New Pesticide Labels to Protect Bees - 8/19/13 - There are new labels to protect bees. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created new pesticide labels that forbid the use of certain neonicotinoid pesticides where bees are known to be present.
<http://www.farms.com/ag-industry-news/epa-launches-new-pesticide-labels-to-protect-bees-113.aspx>

Politico - EPA critic to NSA: Hey, want to share? - 8/19/13 - Attorney Chris Horner has filed a Freedom of Information Act request, asking the NSA to turn over any information it might have gleaned from former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson's personal Verizon email account. The data could buttress critics' accusations that Jackson and other top environmental regulators have routinely used private channels to discuss public business.
<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/08/epa-nsa-lisa-jackson-email-95679.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

EPA Removal Action to Begin, Ozark Circuits Site, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri – 8/19/2013 -- Contact: Dianna Whitaker -- x7598.

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events**AWMD**

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

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None

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8/22/13 – Rotary Drilling Supply Inc., RCRA 7003 Administrative Order on Consent public hearing, Crystal City, Mo. Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253

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8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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***8/18-21/13** – 2013 International Low Impact Development Symposium, St. Paul, Min. Contact: Kerry Herndon, 7286

***8/20/13** - Nutrient Reduction Strategy Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

8/20-22/13 – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

***9/4-6/13** – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

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